

SWORN STATEMENTS FROM DISINTERESTED PERSONS AS VALID PROOF OF THE FACT OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE FARM

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In order to address the difficulty of farmworkers in obtaining Social Security System or other official documents, as primary proof of employment for purposes of identification, screening and selection of qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries, the Department of Agrarian Reform shall recognize sworn statements of at least two (2) disinterested persons as secondary or substitute proof that a person has been a farmworker in the landholding subject of CARP coverage, provided that:

- The disinterested person must first establish the circumstances upon which his or her personal knowledge, concerning the identity and the details of employment of the concerned farm worker, are based;
- The disinterested person must be of legal age, and has personal knowledge of the identity of the farm worker, as well as the fact that the said person is or was a farm worker in the landholding which is being covered under CARP; and
- The disinterested person must know the period when the said person worked in the farm, the nature of work undertaken, and the position as well as compensation of the person concerned, if any.

The above facts must be included in the sworn statement for purposes identification, screening and qualification as a farmer-beneficiary, or in administrative inclusion proceedings. The authorized persons under A.O. No. 5, Series of 2011 may administer the oath for purposes of the abovementioned document. However, in view of the approved Rationalization Plan of the Department, the Office of the Center for Land Use, Policy, Planning and Implementation (CLUPPI) being referred to under A.O. No. 5, Series of 2011 shall now pertain to the Land Use Cases Division (LUCD) under the Office of the BALA.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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